

change what will happen to your creed of independence? Do you want to compromise? Do you want to compromise your soul? That is what the Muslim divine says by implication.

"What does Mr. Rajagopalachari say? He says that: well, I think, we ought to revive the Poona offer. The consequence of reviving the Poona offer will be no doubt that they will lose their beloved leader, Mr. Gandhi, a great specialist and a great expert in coercing and blackmailing the British authorities to part with power.

Mr. Gandhi.

"Mr. Gandhi has always been saying that: I am against all wars, I cannot help any war even if the defence of my own country is concerned; if Hitler comes, let him walk over our bodies and we will offer the satyagraha. But what did he do when the Poona offer was made, which was, of course, made on the basis that if the British Government conceded the Congress demand there was no doubt that the Congress would take the fullest part in the prosecution of the war and in defending India and England. Mr. Gandhi was so shocked that he could not remain any more as the General of the Congress, although he is not even a four-anna member of the Congress. He said that as a specialist and General 'I can not carry on with it'.

"What did he do? You remember that the very next day he gave an interview to the British Press, strongly recommending to the British Government not to lose the opportunity but grasp this Poona offer, and if they did not, they will be making their greatest blunder.

"A man, who is against all wars, a man who believes in *ahimsa*, a man who says that the Congress has gone against his life-long conviction and ideal of *ahimsa* and, therefore, he cannot be with the Congress, very next morning gives an interview to the British Press, supporting the Poona offer.

Qa'id-e-Azam Explains Political Situation

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"Therefore, it is difficult to understand what the Congress wants and what the Congress is driving at.

Pretensions

"Then we have Mr. Rajagopalachari. He seems to be in a very chastened mood. He thinks it futile to go to jail over and over again.

"They are all meeting now in Bardoli. In the Congress itself, you have Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Jawaharlal and Mr. C. Rajagopalachari and these three say three different things.

"I ask you, as an intelligent man, as people who must try and come to some conclusion, I ask what is the conclusion you come to? The obvious conclusion that one can come to is this, that the Congress is pretending and posing to be on the highest pedestal. These poses and pretensions are nothing but a bye-play.

"They have their other counterparts who are working and those counterparts are in the first instance, the Hindu Mahasabha. Of course, the Hindu Mahasabha, so far as the Muslims are concerned, does not mince words. Their leaders are quite clear, Mr. Savarkar in his recent speech, which was unfortunately not delivered at Bhagalpur, does not mince words. He makes it quite clear that 'I stand for my nation and the Hindu domination. He says in clear language that in this sub-continent Hindu Raj must be established and if the Muslims do not behave, they will annex Afghanistan and carry the frontier to Hindukush. The sooner the Muslims realise this position the better for them. The Muslims cannot get one iota more concession than as a minority. That is quite clear. All I say is that Dr. Moonje, Mr. Savarkar and their colleagues are running amuck and they are doing the greatest possible harm to the Hindus and the least harm to the Muslims. I am glad that they make it clear, not like the Congress, finessing

and concealing their real thoughts and playing in diplomatic language, none of that. And I am glad to say that neither the Congress nor anybody else now, thank God, can fool the Muslims.

Mahasabha Ambition

"What is the Hindu Mahasabha doing? Its ambition is to militarise and industrialise the Hindus, urge the Hindus to join the Army, the Navy and the Air Force and support the war. Militarise what? Industrialise what? The Hindu nation. I ask Mr. Savarkar and Field Marshal Moonje; Do you think that everybody in this country is a fool? Do you think that you can fool the British? Why this sort of talk and why this lip-loyalty of co-operation with an ulterior motive of filling the ranks of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force by Hindus? And then what will they do? The answer is clear. Then they say, 'Pakistan will evaporate into the air', and the British will go back to London town and settle down there. Don't you think that these gentlemen who talk like this should be locked up somewhere?

"My young friends, the Hindu Mahasabha is dreaming. Dreaming of what? They do not make any secret of it. Why is it that they are against Pakistan? Why? Our proposal of Pakistan is not inimical to them if they honestly and dispassionately examine it.

"The Muslim says: Give me those parts of India where we are in a majority and where I have got my homeland. Let me live there under my own rule and I undertake to protect the non-Muslim minority. You live in the Hindu India proper and you can protect the Muslim minority. You have three-fourths.

The Whole

"But they do not want three-fourth; they want the whole. How are they going to get the whole? What is Mr. Savarkar's scheme?

His scheme is that when he gets 75 per cent of the Hindus in the Army, in the Navy and the Air Force and in the administration—and by that time I think Field Marshal Moonje will see to it that every Hindu eats meat—he will then see that Hindu Raj is established.

"What is to happen to those Muslims who are in the north-west and the north-east? What will happen to those frontiers? It is this. The frontiers will be occupied by the Hindu garrison just as the British garrison is occupying the north-west. Instead of the British it will be by the Hindu garrison, entirely composed of Hindus, who will see and make it their business to see that the Muslims in those parts are not allowed to raise their heads. They will establish a Central Government and that Central Government will have the supreme control over the entire sub-continent. Of course, Afghanistan might be added later on. And thereby Muslim India will never get even to the point of obtaining any kind of responsible government, but certainly not to the point of developing themselves to a status or position of an independent State. In other words their rights are gone for ever, the right to the status of an independent country with their own army, air force and navy in those parts of the sub-continent.

"Gentlemen, when we come to think of it, not only it is a dream, but it is the greatest folly to persist in this position as the Hindu Mahasabha is doing.

Sinister Motive

"What is the demand of the Hindu Mahasabha? Now they have given up every demand except 'Bhagalpur'. That will be settled within a few days. They say to the British: We are willing to be your camp followers, we are willing to serve you in any capacity you want; you throw open the Army, the Navy and the Air Force to the Hindus; we will do what you want.

"But while they are saying.
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